

II. RESPONSE

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-41 were pending at the time of the Restriction Requirement. Claims 35-41 are canceled in view of the election of the Group I invention below. Therefore, claims 1-34 are pending after entry of the amendment.

B. Response to Restriction Requirement

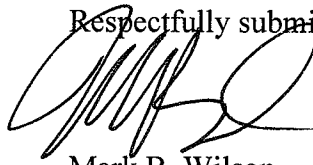
In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect, *without traverse*, to prosecute the Group I invention in the present application, as exemplified by current claims 1-34, drawn to a method of obtaining a leukocyte lysate comprising RNA.

C. Conclusion

Applicants believe that they have submitted a complete reply to the Restriction Requirement dated September 14, 2006, and respectfully request favorable consideration of the claims in view of the amendments and statements contained herein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Applicants' representative at (512) 536-3035.

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